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# **Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

08/920,116

Examiner

Stephen R Tkacs

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to interview on 25 October 1999.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-182.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 26 August 1997 are acceptable.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
    1. ☐ received.
    2. ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code / Serial Number). \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

5. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. & 119(e).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE **THREE MONTHS FROM THE "DATE MAILED"** of this Office Action. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

6. ☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
7. ☐ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
  - (a) ☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (c) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.
  - (d) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

8. ☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any reply to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE / SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

## **Attachment(s)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. <u>5</u> . |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. <u>4</u> . | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material   | <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance                |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |

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**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Dean Alderucci on 25 October 1999.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim ~~29~~, line 1, "26" has been deleted and --27-- has been inserted therefor.

Claim ~~54~~, line 1, "51" has been deleted and --52-- has been inserted therefor.

Claim ~~80~~, line 1, "76" has been deleted and --77-- has been inserted therefor.

Claim ~~107~~, line 1, "104" has been deleted and --105-- has been inserted therefor.

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Claim ~~129~~, line 17, "corresponds" has been deleted and  
--correspond-- has been inserted therefor.

Claim ~~129~~, line 21, before ".", --and the first product--  
has been inserted.

Claim ~~131~~, line 23, "corresponds" has been deleted and  
--correspond-- has been inserted therefor.

Claim ~~131~~, line 27, before ".", --and the first product--  
has been inserted.

Claim ~~133~~, line 17, "corresponds" has been deleted and  
--correspond-- has been inserted therefor.

Claim ~~135~~, line 23, "corresponds" has been deleted and  
--correspond-- has been inserted therefor.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier  
communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen R  
Tkacs whose telephone number is (703) 305-9774. The examiner  
can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are  
unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Todd Voeltz can be  
reached on (703) 305-9714. The fax phone numbers for the

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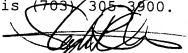
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organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-9051 for regular communications and (703) 305-0040 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3500.



Stephen R Tkacs  
Primary Examiner  
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SRT  
October 25, 1999



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**NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND ISSUE FEE DUE**

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08/920,116	08/26/97	182	IRACS, S	2/6/98 10/25/98
First Named Applicant: WALKER, 35 USC 154(b) term ext. = 0 days.				
TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROCESSING SUPPLEMENTARY PRODUCT SALES AT A POINT-OF-SALE TERMINAL				

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2 W02-97-054-1	705-016.000	D48	UTILITY	YES	\$605.00	01/25/00

**THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED.**

**THE ISSUE FEE MUST BE PAID WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR THIS APPLICATION SHALL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED. THIS STATUTORY PERIOD CANNOT BE EXTENDED.**

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